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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1743**

**PATENT**  
**2153-0116P**

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Douglas A. NEWBERG      **Conf.:** 4362  
**Appl. No.:** 09/919,836      **Group:** 1743  
**Filed:** August 2, 2001      **Examiner:** CROSS, Latoya I  
**For:** SYSTEM FOR MULTIPLE STERILE SAMPLE  
COLLECTION AND ISOLATION

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 4, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 12, 2004, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to June 12, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This Paper includes:**

**Remarks.**

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### CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

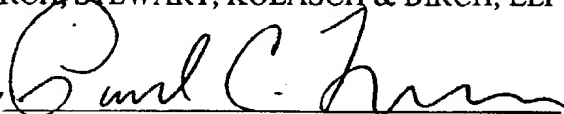
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for two (2) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$210.00 is attached hereto.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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